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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOULDING AND CURING  
TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS  
being a Continuation of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/EP00/05389 filed June 13, 2000  
Inventor: Renato CARETTA

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/05389 filed June 13, 2000 which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 99830405.9, filed June 25, 1999, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/147,027, filed August 3, 1999.

1. Application 32 pages, including 3 independent claims and 34 claims total (as amended). Copy of cover page of WO 01/00395 (2 pages)
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Drawings 5 sheets of formal drawings containing 5 figures. (Figs. 1-5)
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.P.A.
6. Certified copy of European Application No. 99830405.9 filed June 25, 1999.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 8 documents attached.
8. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	34	-	20	14	x \$18	252.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3		x \$84	
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Application No. 99830405.9, filed June 25, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/147,027, filed August 3, 1999.

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